

MAKAWELI CROP PROSPECTS FAIR

According to the report of B. D. Baldwin, manager, the past year has been the driest in the history of Makaweli plantation, that of the Hawaiian Sugar Co., which held its annual meeting this morning at Alexander & Baldwin's office. A summary of the rainfall shows an immense falling off from the average for the plantation, and Mr. Baldwin says that the long-continued drought of 1912 was not broken until December. "At this late date," he goes on to say, "a heavy rainfall and full ditches, although welcomed to a certain extent, have not been of any great benefit to the plantation. Due to the small amount of rainfall, naturally our water supply became very low and I am sorry to say that our cane fields suffered the greater part of the year for the lack of moisture. These conditions have seriously affected the growth of our crops and especially so the coming crop, which has been damaged to the extent of several thousand tons of sugar."

Mr. Baldwin says the plantation as a whole has been quite free of all kinds of pests since his last report. The tachiid fly has increased rapidly and he is sure it has already reduced some of the damage done by the cane borer.

Milling of the 1912 crop began November 15, 1911, and the mill closed down on August 7, 1912. Grinding operations and the manufacture of sugar were carried on without mishaps and there were no delays during the campaign. The manager's estimate of 21,139 tons of sugar from the company fields fell short 245.46 tons, while his estimate of Gay & Robinson's fields of 4511 tons was exceeded by 148.38 tons, so that on the combined crops there was a shortage of 97.09 tons of sugar from estimates.

Hawaiian Sugar Co.'s area was 3264 acres, and Gay & Robinson's 634 acres, making a total area of 3938 acres. The crop yielded as follows: H. S. Co. fields, 20,893.5375 tons of sugar; G. & R. fields, 4659.3750; grand total, tons of sugar, 25,552.9125 tons of sugar. H. S. Co.'s share of the sugar was 20,009.58625 tons of its own cane yield and 2038.47656 tons of G. & R. cane yield, a total of 22,048.06281, and Gay & Robinson's share \$38,951.25 of H. S. Co. and 2620.89844 of G. & R. cane yield, a total of 3504.84969 tons.

Harvesting of the 1913 crop began on November 11, 1912, and grinding began on the 13th. Having had a thorough overhauling during the off-season, the factory made a splendid beginning on the new crop. This crop is the one that has suffered the most from the drought of the past year.

Its acreage is as follows: H. S. Co. plant, cane, 2955.5 acres; H. S. Co. ratoons, 2620 acres; total H. S. Co., 5575.5 acres; Gay & Robinson plant, and ratoons, 1065 acres; grand total, 6640.5 acres. Manager Baldwin estimates 19,292.5 tons of sugar from H. S. Co. cane and 6000 from G. & R. cane, a total of 25,292.5 tons. "Gay & Robinson," the manager says, "have estimated their fields for the 1913 crop at 7000 tons of sugar. I sincerely hope that they will reach that amount, but I am afraid they have not left enough margin to cover the damage done by the drought."

As to the crop of 1914 the manager says it is certainly in splendid condition, the fields of young cane having made a remarkable recovery since the drought. It will be from a total acreage of 4480.50 acres, of which 3415.50 is H. S. Co. and 1065 G. & R., 956.51 of the former being plant cane.

For the 1915 crop the H. S. Co. intends to plow and plant 1084 acres and bring on 2300 acres of ratoons. Gay & Robinson will probably have over 1000 acres for its crop.

Other information in Manager Baldwin's report is here abridged as follows:

The total expenditures for improvements during the past year amounted to \$45,748.76, and the itemized figures are as follows: Reservoirs, \$3,720.61; rolling stock, \$10,428.39; flumes, \$312.95; railroads, \$9,942.51; mill, \$3,730.32; buildings, \$14,158.79; livestock, \$310; furniture, \$135.20; shops, \$64.88; tools, implements and carts, \$11,934.50.

"We are contemplating more reservoirs when the time permits."

"Our factory did excellent work in milling the 1912 crop, and the final figures show an average extraction of 95.46 per cent and the mill losses were 11.747 per 100 sucrose, the cost of fuel per ton of sugar, .01 cent."

"The only improvements made during the past twelve months were a juice weightier, installed for weighing the raw juice, and two automatic sugar scales for weighing bagged sugar. Our factory on the whole is in splendid condition and we have enough mill rollers to carry us through the 1913 campaign."

"No new improvements are contemplated or are necessary for the ensuing year and, barring accidents, mill expenses should be very much less than usual."

"The long-contemplated railroad to Camp 5 has been completed during the period covered by this report. This new railroad takes in all the fields on the upper levels back of the mill and was used to great advantage when harvesting the 1912 crop. The railroad on the whole on this plantation is in good condition."

"We have purchased three auto trucks for plantation purposes. Due to the hilly state of this plantation and inaccessible places for railroads, auto trucks have been a great convenience and we have used them to good advantage in many ways. These trucks will pay for themselves in a short time."

"Considerable tree planting has

been done on this estate and we have encouraged our employees to plant them around their homes, and many have taken advantage of the trees we gave them. Of course, we are also planting trees in the different camps ourselves, and have planted a great number on the sea coast around the peninsula. We raised 9,000 trees in our nursery last year, and over half of these are now planted out."

"As mentioned in my last year's report, a new bonus system was put in effect. The first payment was made on the November pay day. The average price of sugar for the year was 4.1916 per pound. On this basis the bonus was figured out. A large number of our employees worked the required time and were entitled to a greater amount than was expected."

WAILUKU MAKES GOOD RECORD

Wailuku Sugar Co. had a crop of 16,775 tons of sugar for 1912, against an estimate of 1,000 tons at the beginning of the year. However, the average yield of the crop was the second highest the company has had, Manager H. B. Penhallow says in his report presented at the annual meeting held at C. Brewer & Co.'s today. For the crop of 1913, the harvesting of which began on December 5, the estimate is 16,225 tons of sugar. In 1914 a crop of at least 16,000 tons is expected. Planting has started for the 1915 crop and the usual acreage will be cultivated.

Extensive improvements were made in the mill and boiling house the past year, the mill being increased to a twelve-roller one.

The plantation has had an adequate supply of labor, the decrease in Oriental being offset by Portuguese.

During the year 17,009 trees were set out on the company's lands and 2686 on the territorial land of Polipoli, and, exclusive of Polipoli, the total number of trees planted to date is 65,734.

Wailuku had its share of the drought. "The worst feature," says Mr. Penhallow, "was the extreme low water in the gulches. The rainfall for 1912 was less than half that of 1911. From the present outlook it appears that we are in for another dry winter."

Properties of the company on December 31, 1912, stood on the books at \$2,590,926.21. Dividends paid for the year amounted to \$510,000, being 17 per cent on the capitalization of \$3,000,000. The balance carried over was \$116,061.51.

Officers for this year are the following: M. P. Robinson, president; E. P. Bishop, vice-president; George H. Robinson, treasurer; R. Ivers, secretary; C. H. Cooke, director, and H. Glass, auditor.

MANY BILLS IN HOUSE

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provisions needed by them. It was referred to the committee on health.

H. B. No. 1, providing \$26,000 for the expenses of the present legislature, was called and passed on its third reading. The vote was twenty-eight for and one against, J. M. Poepeo smilingly voicing negative on the rollcall.

The governor's second special message was then received. It is a discussion of a general appropriation bill to cover the expenses of the territory for the next biennium. Prior to its reading by the clerk, senate bill No. 1, providing an appropriation for the expenses of the upper house, was introduced and passed on first reading.

The governor's message was referred to the finance committee. Immediately afterward Norman Watkins, chairman of that body, introduced a bill covering the appropriations suggested by the message.

After reading a number of resolutions, several bills were called up, passed on second reading and referred to the various committees.

The house then adjourned to 2 p. m.

House Routine.

Petitions—H. P. No. 2, asking that insertion in appropriation bill be made of \$1500 for free postage and \$1500 for free freight and packages for the lepers of Molokai, signed by seven petitioners. Presented by Geo. P. Cooke.

House Bills Passed.
H. B. No. 1, appropriating \$26,000 for expenses of present house.

Senate Bills Received.
S. B. No. 1—Senate expense appropriation bill.

Communications.
Governor's second special message, on general appropriations.

New House Bills.

H. B. No. 66—Appropriating \$2,584,681 for general improvements and expenses of territory for the next biennium.—Norman Watkins.

H. B. No. 67—Appropriating \$3,141.50 from current revenues for paying national guard members who participated in the Camp Damon encampment of 1912.—Norman Watkins.

H. B. 68—Appropriating \$3500 for national guard 1912 encampment.—S. S. Paxon.

H. B. 69—To amend section 2161 of the revised laws relating to notice of foreclosure of mortgages and affidavits after sale; also repealing act 59 session laws of 1907 and act 188 of laws of 1911 relating to same.—A. F. Tavares.

H. B. 70—To amend section 1793 of laws relating to juries and trial by jury, to pay jurors \$3 a day and 5 cents a mile.—Henry L. Kawehi.

H. B. 70—To amend section 553 of

the revised laws, referring to the Honolulu Water Works, striking out the words, "He may, whenever necessary, at the expense of the Territory of Hawaii, place a proper recording apparatus or meter in the ratepayer's service line and may from time to time regulate the rate and times of payment for water measured by meter."—E. J. McCandless.

Committee Reports.

H. C. R. 1—Printing committee reported H. B.'s Nos. 6, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 31 printed. Edward Waiholo, chairman.

Resolutions Introduced?

H. R. 30—Requesting the supreme court to furnish twenty volumes of the Hawaiian reports, with Judge Edinnes' Hawaiian Digest, for house's reference library.—J. K. Paele.

H. B. 72—To include the Kalawao district within the first circuit for judicial purposes.—Edward Waiholo.

H. B. 73—Changing the name of the court of land registration to "Land Court;" also amending section 2487, to require payment of three-tenths of the estate value into the court as an assurance fund.—Jas. K. Lota.

H. B. 74—Repealing section 784 of chapter 64 of the revised laws, removing the authority of the land commissioner to grant rights of way to railroads through public lands.—N. K. Lyman.

H. B. 75—To amend chapter 83 of revised laws, including the county of Hawaii in the insular lands act with Honolulu; also making an appropriation of \$200,000 for insular land reclamation on the Big Island.—N. K. Lyman.

H. B. 76—To change the method of electing a chairman for the Hawaii county board of supervisors, electing him at large, as a seventh member, instead of permitting seven members to select one of their number; also to pay him a salary of \$3000 a year.—N. K. Lyman.

H. B. 77—To amend section 2913 of revised laws, raising the penalty for assault and battery with a weapon from imprisonment for not more than two years to not more than five years.—Evan da Silva.

Resolutions.

H. R. 31—Requesting Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, president of the board of health, to furnish full information relating to property destroyed during the mosquito campaign, giving name and locality of owner and estimated value of the material destroyed.—D. K. Kuphea.

H. R. 32—To insert a \$50,000 item in the appropriation bill for constructing a concrete county building at Hilo.—N. K. Lyman.

H. R. 33—To insert a \$45,000 item in the appropriation bill for completing the new Union school at Hilo.—N. K. Lyman.

H. R. 34—To insert a \$10,000 item in the appropriation bill for a kerosene warehouse and power magazine at Waiakae, Hawaii.—N. K. Lyman.

H. R. 35—To appropriate \$18,000 to construct a macadam road in Kaneohe, Honolulu, from the junction of the Luluku and the belt road running mauka and along the Unuhi Hill to the Na Maka o Kana Hill, around this

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to the bridge at the foot of Kaulekela Hill.—H. M. Kaniho.

H. R. 36—To request the land commissioner to open up all public lands for settlement in the Koolauoko district, Honolulu.—H. M. Kaniho.

H. R. 37—To increase the clothing allowance for the Molokai lepers from \$10 to \$13 each.—P. J. Goodness.

H. R. 38—To insert a \$10,000 item in the appropriation bill to purchase a right of way for opening and extension of Pua lane to School street.

A stowaway who succeeded in getting away from Honolulu in the Matson Navigation steamer Lurline, is believed will be returned to the port with the arrival of the Honolulu. A wireless message is to the effect that a transfer of stowaways was made at sea.

General repairs and overhauling will be made to the Inter-island steamer Mauna Kea before that vessel resumes the regular run to Hilo and way ports.

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